IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLN. OF: HONDA

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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THE SAME

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Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that you make the following amendments prior to examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The Applicant requests that the filing fee be calculated based on the claims as amended.

Examination of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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